IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 2977

JEFFREY W. MOEHLENBRUCK Group Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Marsha M. Tsay

Attorney Docket: 2103.013882/RFE

(SBI-064-US3-DIV)

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR

TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

DEGENERATION CUSTOMER NO. 45488

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 30, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

JOHN P. RANIERI

Serial No.: 10/812,268

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2008, for which the three-month date for response is August 30, 2008.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and the remarks begin on page 5.